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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

HIROKI NAKAYAMA

Appln. No.: 09/660,502

Filed: September 12, 2000

For: ZOOM LENS AND
PHOTOGRAPHING APPARATUS
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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please further amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claim 1 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

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Please amend Claims 2-12 as follows:

2. (Amended) A zoom lens according to Claim [1] 13, wherein, when said number NL2 of lens elements is NL2=1, the following condition is satisfied:

$$50 < vP$$

B'
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C' }